

*In
Loving Memory*



Marie E. "Betty" Carlsen

Date of Birth *Entered Into Rest*
December 24, 1911 October 20, 2005
Racine, WI Colorado Springs, CO

Age
93 Years, 9 Months, 26 Days

Life Celebration
10:30 A.M.
Monday, October 24, 2005
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Shenandoah, Iowa

Words of Comfort
Reverend Ronald Nelson
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Memory Register
Eldora Gowing

Organist *Soloist*
Steve Richardson Susie Schaaf

Musical Selections
Solo
"The Lords Prayer"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
Congregation
"How Great Thou Art"

Caring for Flowers *Ushers*
Mary Alice Johnson Howard Johnson
Carol Kenyon Ron Oestmann

Casket Bearers
Kürt Woodworth - John Carlsen - Matt Schmitt
Paul Carlsen - Bob Jackson - Bob Longman

Honorary Bearers
Dean Carper - John Gowing
Clair Johnson - Harold Kenyon

Final Resting Place
Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah Iowa

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art
with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Marie E. "Betty" Carlsen

Marie Elizabeth "Betty" Carlsen, age 93, the daughter of Christ and Sena (Jensen) Christensen was born December 24, 1911, in Racine, Wisconsin, and past away October 20, 2005, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

After graduating from high school in 1930, Betty attended Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. It was here that she met Alvin Carlsen and on August 8, 1936, the hottest day of the summer (106 degrees), they were married. To this marriage Ken, Mary, and Nancy were born.

Their first home was in Oaks, Oklahoma, where Alvin was a teacher at a Cherokee Mission School. Their home was modest, to say the least, as they had to put up with copperhead snakes hanging from the rafters. There was only one car available for the entire town so much planning went into traveling or else you would have to walk where ever you needed to go.

Soon after, they moved to Corning, Iowa, then to Britt, Iowa, and finally to Shenandoah, Iowa, where Betty and Alvin made their home for forty-eight years. After Alvin passed away in 1996 Betty continued to live in her house for six more years. She and her family were thankful to her neighbors, friends and Pastor Nelson for their many acts of kindness, which made it possible for her to stay there.

Betty was the perfect host to many faculty parties in their home because of Alvin being high school principal. She was supportive of his educational endeavors and looked very elegant as he escorted her to the yearly high school prom. Betty was very supportive of her children's education, as well as their sporting and musical events were also priorities. She was very proud of their different accomplishments and loved her children very much.

The aroma of fresh baked goods would fill the air every Saturday morning as Betty would get up at 5:30 A.M. and start baking so the kids would have plenty of goodies for the week. On Sunday mornings they would attend church and then she would prepare a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. Betty loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren and they enjoyed the family gatherings and her home cooked meals. They would play games together and enjoyed ice cream at the Zesto and Dairy Queen.

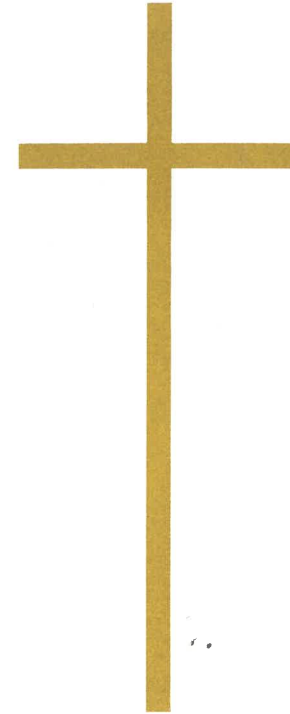
For part of her life in Shenandoah Betty was employed at Tidy House and Henry Fields Seed and Nursery. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday school and was a member of WELCA. She enjoyed hosting Circle at their home and being involved with the quilting group.

For many years Betty volunteered at Gardenview Care Center and helped run the Thursday Wheel of Fortune game. Once a week she would visit shut-ins in the community taking them a treat and friendly conversation. She would also make several weekly phone calls to people to see how they were doing. She was known to be a very caring and kind person to everyone.

In January of 2003, Betty moved to Sunridge Retirement Residence in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to be close to her son, Ken. While at Sunridge she enjoyed close friendships with several residents. In September of 2004 Betty moved to Mount St. Francis Nursing Center, where she spent the remainder of her life.

Preceding Betty in death were her parents and her husband.

Survivors include her son, Ken Carlsen and wife, Carole, of Colorado Springs; daughter, Mary Woodworth of Overland Park, Kansas, and Nancy Schmitt and husband, Lew, of Redding, California; six grandchildren, John and Paul Carlsen, Kurt Woodworth, Jan Cole, Cindy Ksiazek and Matthew Schmitt. Also surviving are seven great grandchildren, Megan and Mason Woodworth, Jack Cole, Jordan, Jenna, and Jacob Ksiazek, and Mason Schmitt; sister, Margaret Larsen, of Racine, Wisconsin; plus several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



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*Services Entrusted to
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